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Sir:

This is a petition to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2000 in the above-identified patent application.

Applicants respectfully request that the time period for responding to the Office Action be extended for a period of <u>one month</u>, from <u>March 14, 2001</u> up to and including <u>April 14, 2001</u>.

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Respectfully submitted,

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